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SUBJ: LUXEMBOURG EC PRESIDENCY

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT MFA, PAUL MERTZ, GAVE CHARGE RUNDOWN ON EC MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL CONNOTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY IN LUXEMBOURG. IN ADDITION TO THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 19 AND 20, THERE WILL ALSO BE MEETINGS OF EC EXPERTS ON UN AFFAIRS ON JANUARY 8; SOUTHERN EUROPEAN EXPERTS JANUARY 9; EXPERTS RESPONSIBLE FOR EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE JANUARY 15; AND CSCE EXPERTS JANUARY 22 OR 23. MERTZ SAID GOL AS EC PRESIDENT WOULD WELCOME US COMMENT ON ANY OF THE SUBJECTS EXPERT GROUPS WILL BE DISCUSSING AND AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS PRIOR TO POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING. MERTZ PROMISED TO PROVIDE AGENDA FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

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2. DRAWING ON PARIS 33998, I ASKED MERTZ HOW HE EXPECTED EC UNESCO PERM REPS WOULD COME OUT ON ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE IN THEIR JANUARY 8 MEETING. HE CONFIRMED THAT FRG AND DUTCH, AND ESPECIALLY THE LATTER, TAKE A HARD LINE ON ANY EQUATION OF ZIONISM AND RACISM IN THE UNESCO CONTEXT WHILE ITALIANS AND FRENCH ARE LESS ADAMANT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT AMONG NINE TO OPPOSE OUTRIGHT LINKAGE OF RACISM AND ZIONISM IN THE UNESCO DECLARATION DRAFTED AT THE JANUARY 26-30 DEBATE ON RACISM. HE SAID THERE IS GENERAL FEELING AMONG NINE THAT MANY AFRICAN AND EVEN MODERATE ARAB DELEGATIONS WOULD LIKE TO FIND SOME INNOCUOUS LANGUAGE ON ZIONISM WHICH WOULD BE VAGUE ENOUGH TO PERMIT A VARIETY OF INTERPRETATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY A DEGREE OF CONSENSUS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF RACISM. THE NINE COULD SUPPORT A WELL DRAFTED COMPROMISE ALONG SUCH LINES, BUT IF THE RADICAL ARAB DELEGATIONS PRESS FOR A CLEAR-CUT STATEMENT LINKING ZIONISM AND RACISM, THE NINE WILL BE UNITED IN OPPOSITION, ACCORDING TO MERTZ.

3. EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE: MERTZ SAID THAT THE GOL AMBASSADOR IN ROME JEAN WAGNER WILL ACT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JANUARY 15 MEETING AND WILL BE GOL OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE DURING LUXEMBOURG'S PRESIDENCY FOR EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE.

4. CIEC: MERTZ WAS AWARE OF EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON SPLITTING THE COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CIEC FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS (USMISSION EC BRUSSELS 102). HE SAID GOL TAKES A NEUTRAL STAND ON THE PROPOSAL, WILL IN NO WAY PRESS FOR ITS ADOPTION, BUT WILL SUPPORT AN EC CONSENSUS IN ITS FAVOR. HE SAID SELECTION OF LUXEMBOURG OFFICIALS TO REPRESENT THE PRESIDENCY AT CIEC STILL NOT ENTIRELY RESOLVED BUT PROMISED TO LET US KNOW WHO THEY WILL BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. ANGOLA: I GAVE MERTZ US POSITION ON ANGOLA ALONG LINES OF DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE. MERTZ SAID AS FAR AS CONFIDENTIAL

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HE KNEW ANGOLA IS NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS JANUARY 19-20 MEETING BUT THE BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR EC POLICY COORDINATION WOULD LIKELY BE DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS IN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE SAID THERE IS WIDE CONSENSUS AMONG EC NINE IN OPPOSITION TO SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND IN FAVOR OF WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN PRESENCE AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, BUT DOUBTED THAT A COMMON EC TACTIC COULD

BE HAMMERED OUT PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 10 OAU MEETING.

6. GENERAL PREPARATIONS FOR PRESIDENCY: IN PREPARATION FOR ACTIVE PHASE OF LUXEMBOURG PRESIDENCY, PRIME MNPISTER THORN HAS CONSULTED WITH GISCARD D'ESTAING IN PARIS AND WILL BE MEETING WITH TINDEMANS IN BRUSSELS TODAY OR TOMORROW. THORN IS IN FREQUENT TOUCH WITH SCHMIDT AND PROBABLY WILL NOT MAKE A SPECIAL VISIT TO FRG. ALL LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS THIS WEEK ON THEIR ROLE DURING LUXEMBOURG'S PRESIDENCY.
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